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SUBJ: PRES VELASCO' S NEED FOR REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

1. WHEN I SPOKE TO FONMIN DE LA FLOR MARCH 29 REGARDING HIS MED CHECKUP AT WALTER REED SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2-3, HE MENTIONED THE FACT THAT HE WOULD BE TAKING WITH HIM DECORATIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE AMERICAN DOCTORS WHO ATTENDED PRES VELASCO. IF THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON, HE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESENTATION CEREMONIES AT THE PERUVIAN EMB BUT IF NOT, AMB BERCKEMEYER WILL OFFICIATE.

2. THE FONMIN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WALTER REED WAS THE MAJOR CENTER FOR TREATMENT OF AMPUTEES AND THE FITTING OF PROSTHETIC DEVICES AND HE HOPED THAT WHILE HE WAS THERE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DISCUSS PRES VELASCO' S PROBLEM WITH THE APPROPRIATE HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES. HE SAID IT HAD BEEN PROPOSED THAT WE BE ASKED TO RECEIVE THE PRES AT WALTER REED FOR THIS PURPOSE BUT THAT THE PRES HAD DECIDED THAT HE SHOULD NOT LEAVE PERU. I TOLD THE FONMIN THAT I TOO HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT WALTER REED WAS THE CENTER FOR THE LATEST TECHNIQUES IN THIS FIELD DUE TO OUR UNHAPPY EXPERIENCES DURING THE VIET NAM WAR, AND THAT I WAS CERTAIN THAT THE HOSPITAL WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION WITH HIM. HE THEN ASKED ME WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR AN EXPERT IN THIS FIELD TO TRAVEL TO PERU TO CONSULT WITH THE PRES AND HIS DOCTORS AND WITH THE TECHNICIANS WHO ARE PREPARING THE ARTIFICIAL LEG. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO PROBLEM IN PERU IN MANUFACTURING THE DEVICE BUT THAT THEY WERE NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT THAT THE FITTING

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AND SUBSEQUENT ADJUSTMENTS WOULD INCLUDE THE LATEST TECHNIQUES AND KNOWLEDGE GAINED IN RECENT YEARS. I SAID THAT I WOULD BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPT AND SUGGESTED THAT HE PURSUE THE MATTER WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

3. I WOULD THINK THAT THIS IS A POSITIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR US AND THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR OVER- ALL INTERESTS TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO ANY DEFINITIVE REQUEST FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE.
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